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DEANNA MALDONADO-ROCHA,  
CYNTHIA BOYAR TREJO, DISTRICT 4  
IVAN NIÑO, DISTRICT 5  
ART FIERRO, DISTRICT 6  
LILY LIMÓN, DISTRICT 7  
CHRIS CANALES, DISTRICT 8

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**February 02, 2026**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL AND VIRTUALLY**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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The City Council met at the above place and date. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Mayor Renard Johnson was present and presiding. The following Council Members answered roll call: Alejandra Chávez, Josh Acevedo, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Ivan Niño, Art Fierro, Lily Limón, and Chris Canales. Cynthia Boyar Trejo requested to be excused.  
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**AGENDA**

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1. Presentation and update by Project ARRIBA on the organization's FY2024- FY2025 Annual Report, including a status update on activities during FY2024- FY2025, use of grant funds and progress toward performance measures identified by the Chapter 380 Agreement executed on August 29, 2023, between the City of El Paso and Project ARRIBA.

Ms. Andrea Solis, Economic Development Analyst, introduced the item.

Mr. Roman Ortiz, CEO for Project Arriba, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Johnson and Representatives Chávez and Limón commented.

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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2. Presentation and discussion by Medical Center of the Americas' (MCA) annual report on the status of activities during the fiscal year, use of grant funds, and progress in the performance measures required under the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Grant Agreement executed on February 7, 2012, and subsequently amended.

Ms. Delilah Cortez, Senior Economic Development Compliance Analyst, introduced the item.

The following representatives from MCA presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office):

- Mr. Carlos Ortega, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Nancy Lowery, Senior Director of Innovation
- Michael Johnson, Senior Director of Clinical Trials and Business Development
- Marianne D. Mijares, Office Administrator, Stem Coordinator & Conference Activities Manager

- Dr. David Cistola, Founder and Chief Scientific Officer, T2 Your Health
- Kelly Martinez, Clinical Research Program Student
- Edward Dunn, Student and Stem Camp Participant

Mayor Johnson and Representative Maldonado-Rocha commented.

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried that the City Council **RETIRE** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 9:36 a.m. pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 - 551.089 to discuss the following items:

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY  
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Representative Boyar Trejo,

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Fierro, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. and **RECONVENE** the meeting of the City Council at which time motions were made.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Representative Boyar Trejo

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**EX1.** Timothy Palmer v. City of El Paso et. al; 3:22-CV-232 (551.071)

Motion made Mayor Pro Tempore Chávez, seconded by Representative Limón and carried that the City Attorney's Office, in consultation with the City Manager, be authorized to **DENY** Plaintiff's settlement demand in *Timothy Palmer v. City of El Paso et. al*; Case No.: 3:22-cv-00232-DCG, to retain outside counsel in the matter, and to take all steps necessary including the execution of any required documents in order to effectuate this authority.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Representative Boyar Trejo

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**EX2.** Application of El Paso Electric Company to Macho Springs Reassignment - PUC#57760; HQ#UTILITY-63 (551.071)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX3.** Discussion on purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in El Paso; HQ 25-2558 (551.072)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX4.** Real Estate Division Update; HQ 25-5035 (551.072)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX5.** Discussion on purchase, exchange, lease, or value of City-owned properties in El Paso; HQ 26-6530; (551.072)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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**EX6.** Authority and Role of City Council during Procurement Process; HQ#6531 (551.071)

Motion made by Representative Maldonado-Rocha, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **DELETE** the item.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Acevedo

ABSENT: Representative Boyar Trejo

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**EX7.** Discussion on Memorandum of Understanding for Interstate Highway 10 Deck Plaza Coordination between the City of El Paso, the County of El Paso, and the Downtown Deck Plaza Foundation. HQ25-4962 (551.071) (551.072)

**NO ACTION** was taken on this item.

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Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Chávez, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Representative Boyar Trejo

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Laura D. Prine, City Clerk